

**Den 101.02**

Den 101.02 “Base” means a replacement material for lost dentin tooth structure.

**Den 101.15**

Den 101.15 “Liner” means a material placed in a tooth for reasons other than to replace tooth structure.

**Den 101.16**

Den 101.16 “Monitor” means to observe for a special purpose.

**Den 101.20**

Den 101.20 “Temporary dental restoration” means a substance placed as an interim restoration to sedate or seal a tooth.

**Den 302.05(a)**

(a) Any dental assistant who is 18 years of age or older, or dental hygienist shall be considered qualified in a specific area if he or she has successfully completed an expanded duty course, or successfully challenged an examination in same, or both, as stated in Den 302.05 (a) through (t). Approval of a course or exam given by an entity other than the board itself shall include approval of the passing grade or other standard for successful completion of said course or exam set by the entity giving said course or exam. Course records, pursuant to Den 403.06, and a certificate of course completion shall be retained by the course participant and provided to the board upon request by the board.

**Den 302.05(m)**

(m) Any dental assistant shall be qualified in performing a preliminary inspection of the oral cavity after successfully completing an expanded duty course in preliminary inspection of the oral cavity as follows:

(1) The expanded duty course shall:

- a. Be offered by a course provider as defined in Den 403.07(a)(1)
- b. Be a minimum of 6 hours;
- c. Include at least the following subjects;
  1. The taking of medical and dental histories;
  2. Obtaining and reading vital signs;
  3. Oral anatomy; and
  4. Charting existing restorations and teeth; and

(2) Written evidence certifying that the course has been successfully completed shall be signed by the course provider and provided to the dental assistant.

(3) Any dental assistant other than a certified dental assistant or graduate dental assistant shall have 2000 hours of experience in clinical dental assisting in order to qualify to take a course in preliminary inspection of the oral cavity.

**Den 302.05(n)**

(n) The following shall apply to preliminary inspection of the oral cavity by dental assistants:

(1) A dental assistant shall perform this duty only under the direct supervision of a dentist.

**Den 302.05(s) and (t)**

(s) Any dental hygienist or dental assistant shall be considered qualified to monitor the administration of nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) to patients after successfully completing an expanded duty course in monitoring the administration of nitrous oxide, as follows:

(1) The expanded duty course shall:

- a. Be offered by a course provider as defined in Den 403.07(a)(1);
- b. Be a minimum of 8 hours;
- c. Include at least the following:
  1. Aspects of pain and anxiety;
  2. Anatomy and physiology of respiration;
  3. Stages of drug induced central nervous system depression;
  4. Pharmacology and physiological effects of nitrous oxide;
  5. Advantages and disadvantages of inhalation sedation using nitrous oxide;
  6. Medical assessment of patient prior to using nitrous oxide;
  7. Proper administration of nitrous oxide to include:
    - (i) Description and use of inhalation equipment;
    - (ii) Patient monitoring;
    - (iii) Possible reactions of patients under nitrous oxide;
    - (iv) Hazards of nitrous oxide for patients and operator;
    - (v) Management of complications; and

(2) Written evidence certifying that the course has been successfully completed shall be signed by the course provider and provided to the dental hygienist or dental assistant.

(3) Dental assistants must be certified as graduate dental assistants as defined in Den 401.02 prior to taking an expanded duty course in monitoring the administration of nitrous oxide anesthesia;

(t) The following shall apply to the monitoring of nitrous oxide:

(1) A dental hygienist or dental assistant qualified in the monitoring of nitrous oxide shall monitor nitrous oxide only under the direct supervision of a dentist;

(2) A dental hygienist or dental assistant qualified to monitor the administration of nitrous oxide shall monitor only after a dentist has initiated the administration and brought the patient to the intended level of nitrous oxide inhalation sedation; and

(3) A dental hygienist or dental assistant qualified to monitor the administration of nitrous oxide shall be currently certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

**Den 401.02(l) and (m)**

(l) After at least 1000 hours work experience in clinical dental assisting:

- (1) Make final impressions;
- (2) Place periodontal dressings;
- (3) Place amalgam prior to condensing by a dentist;
- (4) Place cavity liners and bases.

(m) After at least 2000 hours work experience in clinical dental assisting:

- (1) Place gingival retraction cord;
- (2) Place temporary restorations, not to include temporary crowns and bridges, unless qualified pursuant to Den 302.05, and not to include the use of intraoral rotary instruments;
- (3) Remove temporary restorations, not to include the use of rotary instruments;
- (4) Cement bands and bond brackets, not to include the use of rotary instruments to remove excess cement or bonding material.

**Den 401.03(d), (e), (f) and (g)**

- (d) Fabrication of provisional crown and bridge restorations;
- (e) Coronal polishing;
- (f) Preliminary oral inspection; and
- (g) Monitor nitrous oxide administration.

**Den 402.01(b)**

(b) Under direct supervision as defined in Den 101.07 and arranged by degree of supervision in Den 302.02:

- (1) Remove excess restorative material extending beyond the margins of the preparation, to include the use of a low speed hand piece, if necessary;
- (2) Place retraction cord;
- (3) Place and remove periodontal dressings;
- (4) Place temporary restorations not to include temporary crowns and bridges, unless qualified pursuant to Den 302.05;
- (5) Place and remove periodontal therapeutic agents, such as fibers, gels, and chips, if qualified pursuant to Den 302.05;
- (6) Make cytological smears;
- (7) Perform brush biopsies;
- (8) Make final impressions;
- (9) Place amalgam prior to condensing by a dentist;
- (10) Place cavity liners and bases;
- (11) Remove temporary restorations, not to include the use of rotary instruments;
- (12) Cement bands and bond brackets;

- (13) Perform orthodontic duties, if qualified pursuant to Den 302.05;
- (14) Fabricate provisional crown and bridge restorations, if qualified pursuant to Den 302.05; and
- (15) Administer local anesthesia, if qualified pursuant to Den 302.05;
- (16) Monitor nitrous oxide inhalation administration, if qualified pursuant to Den 302.05.

**Den 402.01(c)(3), (C)(4), and (c)(5)**

- (3) Apply topical fluoride;
- (4) Instruct in oral hygiene techniques;
- (5) Administer fluoride rinse programs as follows:
  - a. Obtain consent;
  - b. Train personnel in storage, dosage, safety, administration, and rinsing procedures; and
  - c. Have a legally authorized physician, dentist, advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant pursuant to RSA 318:42 II dilute concentrated fluoride solutions prior to dispensing; and
- (6) Place sealants, if qualified pursuant to Den 302.05, within 3 months of diagnosis and authorization by a dentist with an active license without a post-placement evaluation by a dentist.

**Den 403.07(a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(4)**

- (2) Courses required to maintain certification in any nationally recognized professional specialty board; and
- (3) A licensee shall receive credit for 100% of required CEU's for passing the written portion of the Northeast Regional Board Examination.